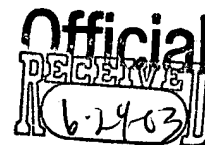


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Dear Sir:

This Petition is being submitted in accordance with M.P.E.P. §706.07(c) to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 involving an ex parte action in the above-identified patent application that is not subject to appeal and not otherwise provided for.

Applicant's attorney requests a review of the final rejection made in an Office Action dated June 12, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. The rejections in the Office Action were made final, even though the Office Action contains new grounds of rejection.

Applicants' attorney notes that no amendments were submitted in the Applicant's previous response submitted on April 14, 2003. Instead, Applicants' attorney invoked 35 U.S.C. §103(c) to eliminate U.S. Patent No. 6,275,818 (Subramanian) as a prior art reference, and submitted a Statement of Common Ownership in support thereof.

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According to M.P.E.P. §706.07(a), if such a Statement is filed in reply to the 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103 rejection and the claims are not amended, the Examiner may not make the next Office action final if a new rejection is made. Consequently, the final rejection was premature, and Applicant's attorney respectfully requests its withdrawal.

This Petition is being submitted by facsimile, and thus Applicant's attorney requests that any required Petition fees be charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation). Any other fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0460 as well.

Respectfully submitted,

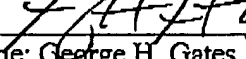
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